



**AURORA
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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MISSION STATEMENT

- *To provide essential fire suppression, special operations, and emergency medical services to the citizens of the City of Aurora with an elevated level of expertise*
- *To provide a unified professional response to life and property incidents affecting the City of Aurora and its citizens*
- *To maintain and enforce an updated and continuing inspections program to enforce adopted codes and to supply quality fire prevention and education programs to the citizens of Aurora*
- *To provide the greatest quality of service to the public through a comprehensive training program that seeks to sharpen existing skills and develop new technologies to meet future demands and to provide a safe and healthy work environment for our employees*

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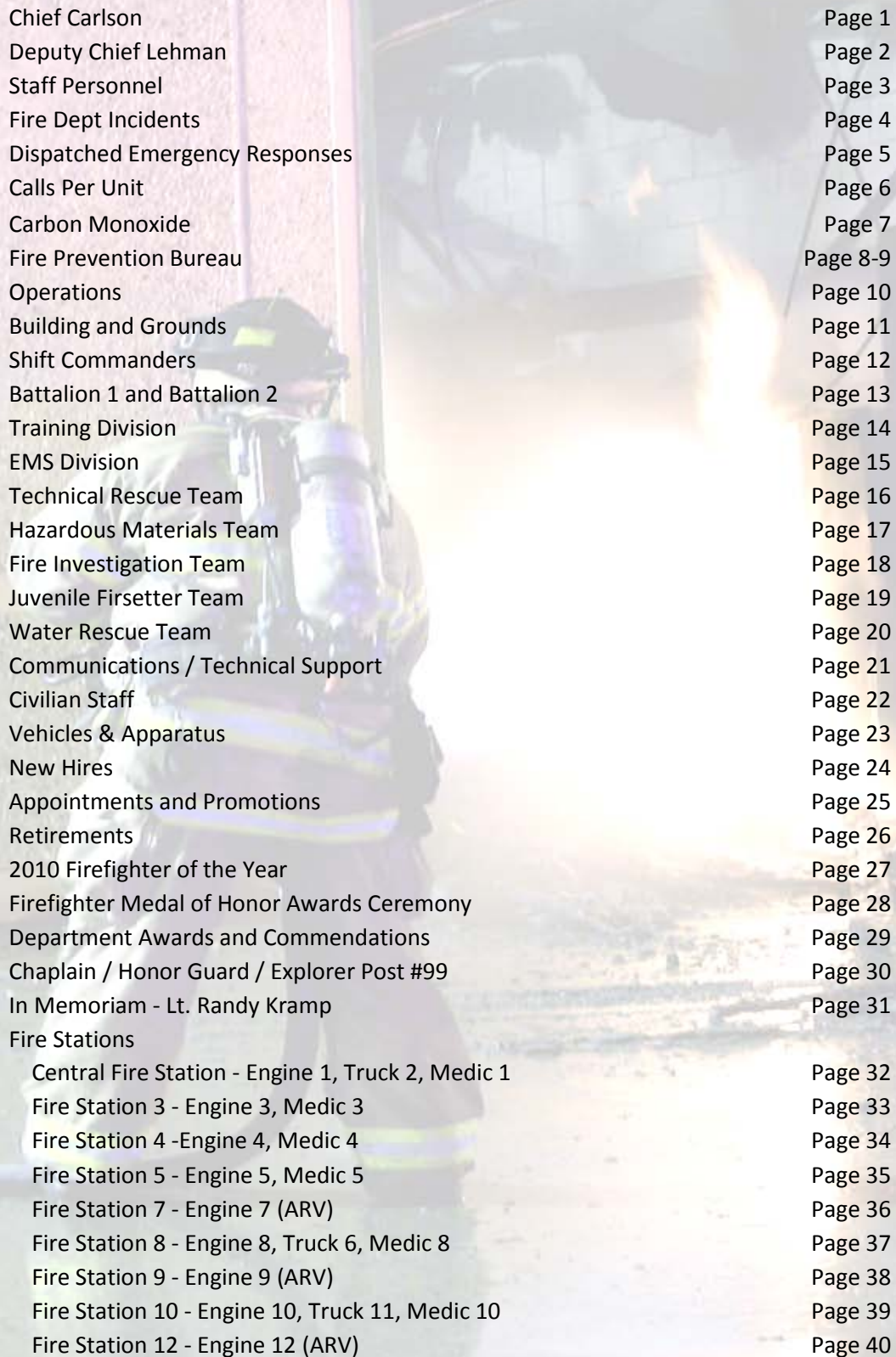
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Fire Chief Hal Carlson

On behalf of the Aurora Fire Department personnel, I respectfully submit for review the 2010 Annual Report. Included in this report are the department's most significant accomplishments over the last twelve months. Requests from the public for services from the various divisions of the Aurora Fire Department surpassed 15,000 calls in 2010.

The EMS Division responded to over 11,500 calls. Two new ambulances were purchased in 2010 to replace Medic 1 and Medic 8.

The implementation of the new radio system began in late 2010. We partnered with the City of Naperville in the purchase of the new system and expect completion of the project in early 2011.

Through the efforts of all the members of our department, we wish to thank the residents of Aurora for the opportunity to serve them, and extend our sincere appreciation to City officials for their continued support in the advancement of life safety initiatives Citywide.

Fire Chief Hal Carlson

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Deputy Chief John Lehman

The Aurora Fire Department responded to over 15,100 calls for fire/rescue and EMS service in 2010. The Fire Department budget was funded to \$36,005,152 for the year 2010, allowing the department to support its nine fire houses, vehicles, equipment, and a staff of 195.

2010 has been an interesting year, to say the least. The budget was scoured to eliminate any excesses. After significant belt-tightening and concessions on everyone's part, the Aurora Fire Department was able to meet the challenges that were presented.

The department also replaced all of its Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) in 2010 as the result of a FEMA grant valued at over \$515,000. The addition of a firefighter locating system was also a great enhancement to our department.

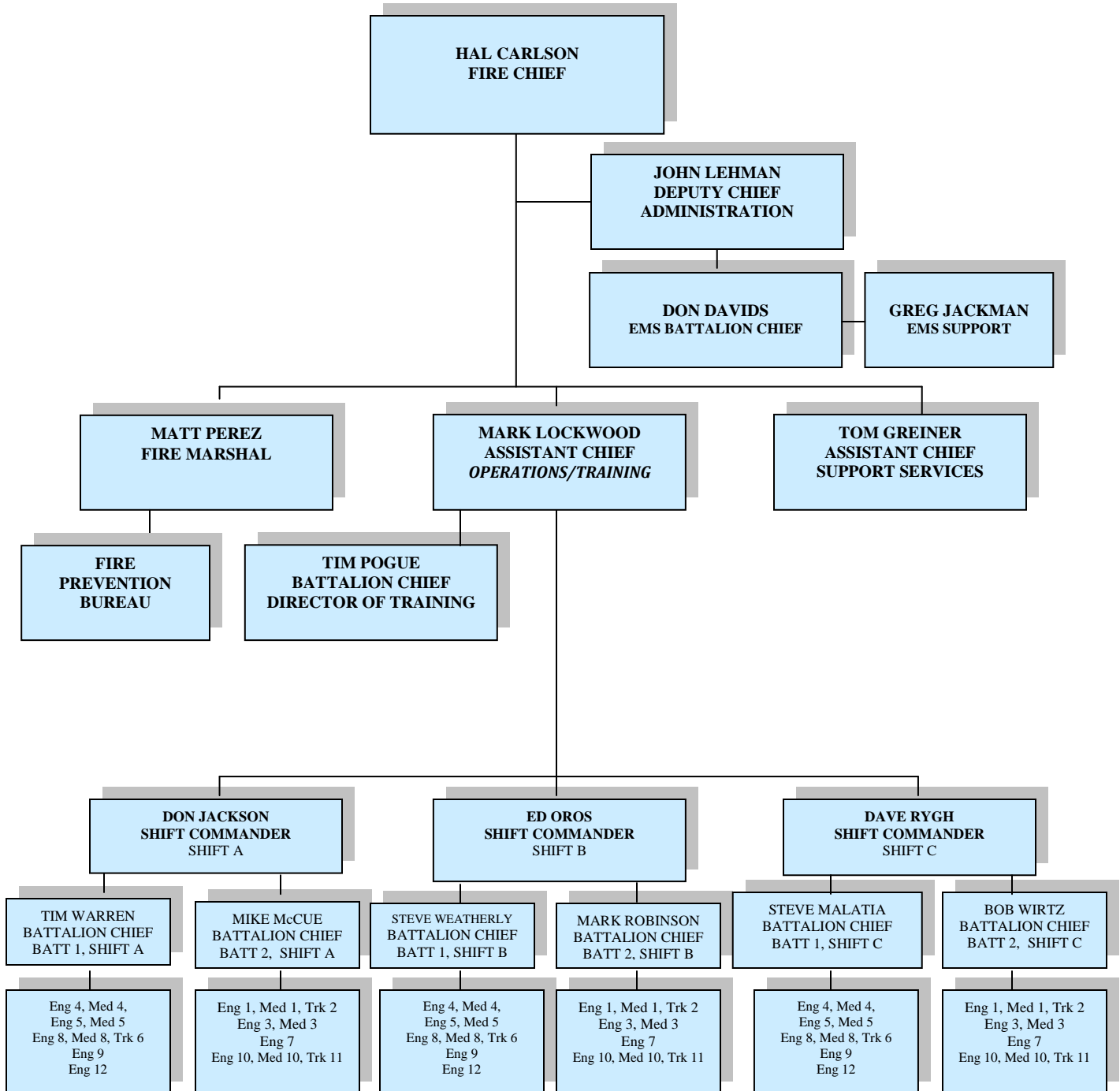
Eleven new firefighters began their careers with the Aurora Fire Department in March 2010 to bring our staffing level to 205; however, as a result of a downturn in the economy, we ended 2010 with a sworn staffing level of 195 firefighters.

Deputy Chief John Lehman

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STAFF PERSONNEL



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FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTS

	<u>2009</u> <u>CALLS</u>	<u>2010</u> <u>CALLS</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
-			
EMS - One Medic Unit Response (Advanced Life Support)	11,596	11,504	-1%
STILL ALARMS - One Engine Response	1,559	1,911	+2%
FULL STILL ALARMS - Two Engines, One Truck Automatic Fire Alarms; Office, Commercial, Residential	990	542	-45% *
BOX ALARMS - Two Engines, One Truck, One Medic, One Command Officer (Structure Fires; Residential Commercial, Mercantile)	290	311	+7%
HAZ-MAT	238	226	-5%
CARBON MONOXIDE -One Truck or One Engine	525	447	-15%
EXTRICATIONS - One Engine, One Truck, One Medic, Command Officer	69	56	-19%
WATER INCIDENTS - Two Engines, One Truck, One Medic, Rescue 23, Command Officer	7	13	+46%
RELEASE - One Truck (Rescue, Lock-Outs, Etc.)	265	93	-65%
TECHNICAL - Two Engines, One Truck, One Squad, Rescue One, One Medic, Command Officer	0	0	0
TOTAL CALLS	15,539	15,104	-3%
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROPERTY LOSS	\$2,553,205	\$2,311,704	-9%
TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTENTS LOSS	\$999,529	\$1,073,599	-7%
FIREFIGHTER DEATHS	0	0	
FIREFIGHTER INJURIES	44	31	
CIVILIAN DEATHS	1	0	
CIVILIAN INJURIES	2	0	

* Changes were made to our Full Still Alarm responses in 2010. The Full Still Alarm response previously entailed two Engine Companies and one Truck Company. This was reduced to a single Engine response to businesses, strip malls, manufacturing, etc. The three-company Full Still Alarm response continues for apartment complexes, schools, and hospitals.

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2010 Dispatched Emergency Responses

	CENTRAL FIRE STATION	FIRE STA 3	FIRE STA 4	FIRE STA 5	FIRE STA 7	FIRE STA 8	FIRE STA 9	FIRE STA 10	FIRE STA 12
STILL ALARMS	299	244	204	238	175	414	222	155	174
FULL STILL ALARMS	265	188	155	112	143	148	120	154	74
BOX ALARMS	168	154	85	177	82	91	35	86	52
HAZ-MAT	33	35	21	42	20	40	26	14	23
CARBON MONOXIDE	127	9	9	7	0	155	55	72	59
EXTRICATIONS	37	24	21	33	4	20	13	7	4
WATER INCIDENTS	13	9	2	9	8	4	4	8	1
RELEASE	65	0	0	0	0	17	0	11	1
LOCKOUTS	36	1	1	0	0	77	1	17	6
TECH RESCUES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEDICAL EMERGS	<u>2,899</u>	<u>2,066</u>	<u>2,324</u>	<u>2,098</u>	<u>1,168</u>	<u>1,662</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>1,697</u>	<u>546</u>
TOTAL	3,942	2,730	2,822	2,716	1,600	2,628	1,301	2,221	940
TOTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSES IN 2010:	20,900								

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CALLS PER UNIT

		2009	2010	CHANGE
ENGINE COMPANY RESPONSES	ENGINE 1	1,244	1,011	-19%
	ENGINE 3	856	743	-13%
	ENGINE 4	919	748	-19%
	ENGINE 5	825	714	-14%
	ENGINE 7	1,627	1,602	-2%
	ENGINE 8	991	1,027	+4%
	ENGINE 9	1,253	1,302	+4%
	ENGINE 10	748	696	-7%
	ENGINE 12	949	940	-1%
TRUCK COMPANY RESPONSES	TRUCK 2	1,119	793	-29%
	TRUCK 6	724	593	-18%
	TRUCK 11	536	415	-22%
MEDIC UNIT RESPONSES	MEDIC 1	2,985	2,856	-4%
	MEDIC 3	2,135	2,081	-3%
	MEDIC 4	2,246	2,346	+4%
	MEDIC 5	2,335	2,125	-9%
	MEDIC 8	1,665	1,642	-1%
	MEDIC 10	1,587	1,668	+5%
BATTALION CHIEF RESPONSES	BATT 1	344	326	-6%
	BATT 2	335	317	-5%
	CAR 24	55	56	+0.02%

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2010 CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR ACTIVATION NOTICE OF MONTHLY FINDINGS

MONTH	LESS THAN 10 PPM	10 OR MORE PPM	100 PPM OR GREATER	TOTAL
January	49	18	1	68
February	34	11	1	46
March	21	5	1	27
April	12	2	1	15
May	20	7	0	27
June	22	9	0	31
July	22	7	2	31
August	16	6	1	23
September	13	7	1	21
October	23	5	3	31
November	32	11	1	44
December	46	14	1	61
2010 TOTALS	310	102	13	425

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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



FIRE MARSHAL MATT PEREZ

2010 INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED

<u>FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU</u>		<u>FIRE COMPANIES</u>	
Routine Inspections	242	Routine Inspections	5,506
Re-Inspections	30	Re-Inspections	459
Special Inspection (Includes Referrals, complaints, certificate of acceptance, Hazmat, tanks, fire lanes, posting corridors, & misc.)	689	Complaint Inspections	0
Construction (Includes construction, tents, trailers, certificates of occupancy)	20		
	981		5,965
TOTAL 2010 INSPECTIONS = 6,946			

2010 PERMITS ISSUED

Installation of Above- and Below-Ground Fuel Tanks	6
Building Fire Suppression Systems	92
Building Fire Alarm Systems	110
Building Hood Suppression Systems	4
Operational Permits (Propane, Hazardous Material, Assembly)	119
Tent Permits	19
Fireworks	9
Open Burning	38
Outdoor Fireplaces	79
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	476

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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU – 2010 (continued)

OTHER ACTIVITIES - 2010	FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU	FIRE COMPANIES
FIRE PROTECTION - (Includes fire test, fire suppression, evacuation plans)	7	
PLAN REVIEWS -	2	
FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS	31	344
FIRE DRILLS	11	226
HYDRANT FLOW TESTS	2	3,782
LOCK BOXES SOLD	22	
VIOLETIONS ISSUE (Blocked exits, blocked corridors, non-compliance, failure to comply)	4	
FALSE FIRE ALARM VIOLATIONS – (Jan-Jun)		
Chargeable - No Fine Issued		
Chargeable - Fine Issued	336	
Not Chargeable	101	
Cooking Food	256	
	45	
CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR ACTIVATIONS -		424

During Fire Prevention Month in October 2010 the Aurora Fire Department presented 137 Fire Prevention Programs to 4,721 children and adults, and 26 tours to 1,016 citizens.

87 families were assisted during Team Firestoppers in March and November 2010.



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OPERATIONS



ASSISTANT CHIEF MARK LOCKWOOD
OPERATIONS

The Operations Division is responsible for delivering emergency services to those citizens who live in, work in, and visit the City of Aurora. Operations Division members respond to all calls for emergency services, including incidents involving fires, emergency medical services, technical rescue response, release of hazardous materials, and water rescue, to name a few. Mutual Aid responses are provided to surrounding fire departments who are members of MABAS Division 13.

In 2010 the Aurora Fire Department responded to over 15,100 calls for emergency service. The City is divided into two Battalions, with Battalion 1 on the east side of the Fox River and Battalion 2 on the west side. Each battalion operates under the direction of a Battalion Chief assigned to oversee the coordination of 5 Fire Companies. Apparatus assigned to the Operations Division are designed to address the wide spectrum of emergency responses within the City of Aurora, as follows:

- 9 Engine Companies charged with extinguishment and designated as Basic Life Support (BLS) units. 3 of these Engines are Advanced Life Support (ALS) equipped.
- 3 Truck Companies are designated to perform search and rescue, forcible entry, victim rescue, and extrication, to name a few.
- 6 ALS Ambulance Companies

Special Operations capabilities include:

- **Hazardous Materials Response Team:** Investigates and mitigates hazardous materials releases, including decontamination of both victims and responders at both large- and small-scale incidents.
- **Technical Rescue Team:** Provides the expertise necessary to perform specialized rescue operations in collapsed structures, confined space, trenches, and high angle rescue.
- **Water Rescue Team:** Charged with the life safety of all citizens in and around Aurora's waterways.

The Operations Division continues to provide the resources and training necessary for our Firefighters to accomplish their jobs safely and effectively. We look forward to a safe and productive 2011 for the men and women of the Aurora Fire Department.

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BUILDING & GROUNDS



Assistant Chief Tom Greiner
Support Services

Station 1	Replace two apparatus floor furnaces Fire Station alerting system replacement
Station 3	Interior painting Fire Station alerting system replacement
Station 4	Landscaping Fire Station alerting system replacement
Station 5	Interior painting Kitchen remodeling Fire Station alerting system replacement
Station 7	Routing maintenance Fire Station alerting system replacement
Station 8	Routine maintenance Fire Station alerting system replacement
Station 9	Routine maintenance Fire Station alerting system replacement
Station 10	Interior painting Carpet replacement Fire Station alerting system replacement
Station 12	Interior Painting Fire Station alerting system replacement

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AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT BATTALION CHIEFS / SHIFT COMMANDERS



Battalion Chief Don Jackson
"A Shift"



Battalion Chief Ed Oros
"B Shift"



Battalion Chief Dave Rygh
"C Shift"

The Battalion Chiefs / Shift Commanders' responsibilities are assigned by the Fire Chief. They coordinate and direct all operations for their respective shifts as directed by department policy.

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BATTALION 1



Battalion Chief Tim Warren
Shift A



Battalion Chief Steve Weatherly
Shift B



Battalion Chief Steve Malatia
Shift C

BATTALION 2



Battalion Chief Mike McCue
Shift A



Battalion Chief Mark Robinson
Shift B



Battalion Chief Bob Wirtz
Shift C

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TRAINING DIVISION



Battalion Chief Tim Pogue
Training Director

In March 2010 eleven new recruits began their career with the Aurora Fire Department. Their training consisted of a seven-week Firefighter II Academy and a 40-hour Hazardous Materials Operations class through the Southern Kane County Training Association and held at the Aurora Fire Department.

Department members were offered a variety of training opportunities in 2010. Firefighters completed 62,347 hours of regularly scheduled quarterly training.

In late 2010, the Aurora Fire Department received new Scott SCBA's (self-contained breathing apparatus) through a FEMA grant totaling more than \$412,000. The new air packs also have a built-in device called a Pack-Tracker. This feature, along with a handheld radio receiver, allows a rescue team to quickly locate a downed or trapped firefighter. Each air pack is assigned an identifier. When the PASS alarm activates, the handheld wand receives the information. Once that identifier is selected, tracking can begin. A digital display lets the rescue team know the direction and signal strength increases with proximity to the downed firefighter. This should allow for much faster recovery in the event of a catastrophic event on the fire ground.

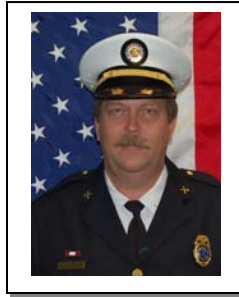


Firefighter Rob Sittler (pictured above) coordinated the distribution of the Scott breathing apparatus in late 2010.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION



Battalion Chief Don Davids
EMS Battalion Chief



Greg Jackman
EMS Support Officer

2010 was a busy year for the EMS Division. Battalion Chief Don Davids and EMS Support Officer Greg Jackman and department Paramedics attended numerous school science fairs, community groups, business and career day events, and talked with over 1000 students regarding fire service careers in 2010. Aurora Fire Department ambulances and paramedics covered EMS details at numerous Aurora high school football games at all four school districts throughout the year. The EMS division assisted with a number of events during the year, such as Downtown Alive, the Aurora Sports Festival, and Aurora University's football and commencement events. The Aurora Fire Department CPR team certified 262 individuals in 2010.

Battalion Chief Davids was appointed to the State EMS advisory board to represent region IX on EMS issues. These meetings are held in Springfield and include members from all EMS regions in the state of Illinois.

Aurora Fire Department Paramedics responded to 11,504 calls for assistance related to ambulance operations. They treated 11,736 individuals. In addition, 3 alternate response vehicles (ARV's) made 2470 responses to assist in treatment of the sick and injured.

In February 2010, the department's ten ambulances passed the IDPH and SFVEMSS inspections. All four ARV's (Paramedic engines) successfully passed inspection by IDPH in September 2010. Two replacement ambulances (Medic 1 and Medic 8) were placed into service. After Medic 3 was destroyed in a vehicle fire, a replacement unit was ordered and should be in service by mid 2011.

In December, Firefighter Nicholas Handell completed Paramedic training through the Southern Fox Valley EMS System. 96 Paramedics, 82 EMT/Basics, and 10 First Responders served the City of Aurora at the close of 2010.



Aurora Firefighter Nick Handell graduated from Paramedic Class on December 18, 2010 with high honors.

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TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM



Assistant Chief Mark Lockwood
TRT Team Leader

The Aurora Fire Department Technical Rescue Team is comprised of 18 highly trained individuals, dedicated to responding to disasters and serving the citizens of Aurora and the United States. Members receive extensive training in tactics, techniques and specialized equipment dealing with *Vertical Rescue, Trench Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, and Structural Collapse Rescue.*



Captain Don Jackley, Shift Leader
Shift 1

Lt. Chuck Przybylski
Rafael Alvarez
Dan Murphy
Chris Temes



Lt. Randy Leek, Shift Leader
Shift 2

Assistant Chief Tom Greiner
Battalion Chief Tim Pogue
Lt. Will Torres
Dwayne Love
Clint Rafac
John Ross



Captain Pete Doyle, Shift Leader
Shift 3

Captain Cletus Rettenmeier
Lt. Chris Oros
Dan Ahasic
Bob Kulovitz

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT TEAM



Battalion Chief Don Davids
Haz-Mat Team Leader

The Aurora Fire Department Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) has 30 members, with 21 at the Tech B level, 9 at the Tech A level, 10 with chemistry training, and 9 with ICS training. Several of our team members instruct at the Southern Kane County Training Association and two of our members teach at the Haz-Mat Division of the Illinois Fire Service Institute. The Aurora Fire Department HMRT is also a member of MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) Division 13, which incorporates most of Kane County. The Aurora Fire Department HMRT and other members of MABAS Division 13, including department members from Batavia, Elburn, Geneva, Montgomery, North Aurora, St. Charles and Sugar Grove, have worked together for the past several years as a Division-wide team that includes 70 members.

In 2010 the Aurora Fire Department responded to 227 hazardous materials response calls, which include, single engine responses for minor spills and gas leaks and team responses for larger incidents.

The Aurora Fire Department HMRT conducts monthly training drills, including suit training, use of monitors, tabletop drills, and a department-wide decontamination drill. Four MABAS 13 Haz-Mat drills are held each year for all division personnel.

The Aurora Fire Department HMRT assisted with several Division 13 full team incidents and other advisory requests.

In 2010 Division 13 HMRT received an AreaRae Rapid Deployment Kit from the ITTF/MABAS. This kit allows the team to remotely monitor for Radiation, H2S, Co and O2 levels at large scale incidents.

Several team members participated in the 2010 Hazmat team validation, held in Champaign as evaluators.



Paul Smith, Shift Leader
Shift 1

Battalion Chief Mike McCue
Dave Heinke
Greg Jackman
Jason Larson
Todd McChurch
Jason Mosshamer
Tim Schomer



Captain Andy Silagyi, Shift Leader
Shift 2

Battalion Chief Mark Robinson
Lt. Rick Lockman
Michael Adamovich
Phil Bergeron
Peter Bray
Shane Clements
Steve Koeberl
Clint Rafac
John Ross
Scott Schuster
Rob Strange



Lt. Steve Kish, Shift Leader
Shift 3

Lt. Jason Demas
Richard Dahleen
Dave Hurd
Harvey Redmon
Thom Shore

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FIRE INVESTIGATION DIVISION



FIRE MARSHAL MATT PEREZ
ARSON COORDINATOR

The Aurora Fire Department Investigations Bureau investigated 38 fires during 2010. Eight of these were determined to be electrical, 17 were accidental in nature, 10 were the result of arson, and 3 were undetermined in cause. The department's Fire Investigation Team was comprised of 13 members at the close of 2010.

Law enforcement agencies that assisted the Aurora Fire Department included the DuPage and Kane County Fire Investigation Task Forces, Aurora Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Three people faced charges of arson in connection with fires in Aurora during 2010.

The networking of resources, manpower, training, communications and legal expertise has had a major impact on the increased number of arrests and convictions.

The Department appreciates the efforts of all our Fire Investigators for their professionalism and dedication.



Lt. Gary Krieinitz, Lead Investigator
Shift 1

Lt. Javan Cross
Kevin Becker
Dave Heinke



Steve Whitmer, Lead Investigator
Shift 2

Battalion Chief Steve Weatherly
Jason Morthland



Matt Anslow, Lead Investigator
Shift 3

Corey Fryer
James Lobbins
Chris Prieboy
Steve Wedll

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JUVENILE FIRESETTER PROGRAM



Battalion Chief Ed Oros
Lead Investigator

During 2010 members of the department who are trained in the area of Juvenile Firesetting counseled four youths who were known to have started fires. For the seventh consecutive year, there was a significant reduction in the number of fires started by juveniles. We contribute this to a combination of aggressive fire prevention programs in the schools as well as increased public education and awareness. The responsibility of our Juvenile Intervention Specialists is to measure the youths' level of risk in relationship to the probability of setting more fires. We provide an educational program designed for their level of understanding. In some cases, other agencies are asked to assist or intervene.

There are currently 11 Juvenile Firsetter Intervention Team Members.

SHIFT 1

Lt. Gary Krienitz
Lt. Craig Mateski
Aaron Garcia

SHIFT 2

Jeff Herrick
John Jackson
Jason Morthland
Rick Torres

SHIFT 3

Lt. Dave McCabe
Lt. Jim Rhodes
Chris Kjellesvik

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WATER RESCUE TEAM

The Aurora Fire Department Water Rescue Team had a roster of 15 members at the close of 2010.

The Aurora Fire Department Water Rescue Team continues to train shift personnel on water rescue techniques and has proven invaluable. We continue to work with the Aurora Police Department in weapons recovery as well as provide mutual aid services to surrounding communities and law enforcement agencies.



**Captain Jim Maynard, Shift Leader
Shift 1**



**Captain Steve Chivari, Dive Team Leader
Shift 2**



**Bob Kulovitz, Shift Leader
Shift 3**

Battalion Chief Mike McCue
Marcos Coronado
Todd McChurch
Aaron Stawikowski

Lt. Mark Matkovich
Lt. Will Torres
Alan Backhaus
Kevin Molitor

Lt. Steve Kish
Lt. Jim Rhodes
Bob Chance
Jason Equi

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Communications/Technical Support



Assistant Chief Tom Greiner
Support Services

The migration to the new Harris Radio System took place in December 2010. The new system boasts six tower sites throughout the City, as well as five sites in Naperville, for improved coverage and redundancy.



Cynthia Malatia
City of Aurora
MIS Department

The radio system not only serves the Fire Department, but serves the Police and other City departments as well. The City of Naperville purchased an identical radio system and each City's system will back the other's up in case of a malfunction so that no single point of failure will cause total system failure.

Emergency Vehicle Preemption continues to be an ongoing project. The City's remaining traffic signals to be equipped with preemption devices are awaiting upgrades or approval from outside governing agencies.

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CIVILIAN STAFF

CENTRAL FIRE STATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE



Dixie Gump
Office Coordinator



Linda Hansen
Administrative Secretary

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



Marty Wolding
Fire Inspector



Jon Spanu
Fire Inspector



Anna Ishmael
Administrative Secretary

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VEHICLES AND APPARATUS



Two 2010 Ford Med Tec Ambulances were put into service in September 2010, replacing two aging frontline vehicles, Medic 1 and Medic 8.



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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2010



Eleven firefighter recruits were sworn in and began their employment with the Aurora Fire Department on March 29, 2010. Pictured above at graduation ceremonies on May 28, 2010 are: (l-r) Michael Donato, Kevin Leverence, Matt Acuff, Jeff Kerley, Kevin Hoffman, David Dacanay Dan Kellogg, Beau McKay, Garrett Oros, Mike Adamovich and Mike Hoffman.

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APPOINTMENTS / PROMOTIONS

A promotional ceremony was held at the Aurora Regional Fire Museum in March 2010 to honor the individuals pictured below on their promotions (pictured left to right):

- Brandon Matson was promoted to Lieutenant on January 30, 2010
- Scott Keierleber was promoted to Lieutenant on March 7, 2010
- Tim Pogue was appointed Battalion Chief on January 30, 2010
- Battalion Chief Ed Oros was named Shift Commander January 30, 2010
- John Gilbert was promoted to Captain on January 30, 2010



A promotional ceremony was held at the Aurora Regional Fire Museum on May 18, 2010 to honor the individuals pictured at left (with Fire Chief Carlson) who were promoted effective May 1, 2010:

- Eric Mueller was promoted to Captain.
- Steve Weatherly was appointed to the rank of Battalion Chief.
- Steve Buono was promoted to Lieutenant.

A promotional ceremony was held August 4, 2010 to honor the individuals pictured with Chief Carlson at right:

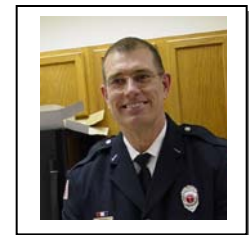
- Chris Oros promoted to Lieutenant on June 20, 2010
- Bob Warren promoted to Lieutenant on May 24, 2010
- Kris Tappendorf promoted to Lieutenant on June 25, 2010
- Dave Trammell promoted to Lieutenant on July 9, 2010
- Steve Chivari promoted to Captain on July 9, 2010
- Jim Maynard promoted to Captain on June 11, 2010



Matt Perez (pictured above) was appointed Fire Marshal effective May 1, 2010



Randy Kramp (pictured above) was promoted to Lieutenant on June 11, 2010



Randy Leek (pictured above) was promoted to Lieutenant effective November 21, 2010.

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CONGRATULATIONS 2010 RETIREES



Battalion Chief Ken Shannon retired January 30, 2010 after almost 25 years with the department.



Lt. Don Neubauer retired March 7, 2010 after 26-1/2 years on the department.



Fire Marshal Gary Pozzi retired on May 1, 2010 after over 27 years on the job.



Lt. Marty O'Brien retired May 24, 2010 after over 26 years on the department.



Captain Gary Avram retired on June 11, 2010 after more than 26 years with the department.



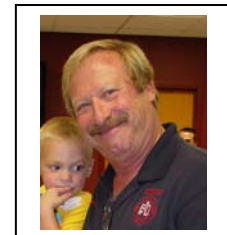
Lt. John Bob Becker retired on June 25, 2010 after 26 years and 9 months with the department.



Captain Tim Bradley retired on July 9, 2010 after 27-1/2 years on the job.



Pvt. Randy Durham retired on July 13, 2010 after 14 years and 5 months on the job.



Pvt. Michael Zelensek retired on August 5, 2010 after 22 years on the department.



Lt. Lou Popp retired November 21, 2010 after 29 years with the department.



Pvt. Chuck White retired November 23, 2010 after 26 years and 9 months on the job.



Pvt. Ed Ward retired November 28, 2010 after 21 years and 3 months on the department.



Senior Paramedic Chuck Van Horn III retired November 29, 2010 after 22 years and 9 months on the job.

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2010 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

The Exchange Club of Aurora hosted the 2010 Firefighter of the Year Awards luncheon at the Gaslite Manor on October 26, 2010. 18 firefighters were nominated for the award. The keynote speaker at the event was Retired Aurora Fire Department Battalion Chief Brad Westrom.

Aurora Firefighters were nominated for the following actions:

- Lt. Jack Westphall, Randy Durham, Ray Torres, Jeremy Allway and Dave Heinke for their lifesaving actions at the scene of a near drowning on November 8, 2009.
- Kevin Becker and Jason Mosshamer for resuscitation of a 4-week old baby in respiratory distress.
- Battalion Chief Tim Pogue, Lt. Javan Cross, Steve Koeberl, Scott Schuster, Ricardo Torres and Luanne Whitmer for their actions at the scene of a near drowning on January 29, 2010.
- Lt. Steve Kish, Mark Long, Jeff Kerley, Matt Anslow and Andrew Smith for their actions at the scene of a cardiac arrest on August 10, 2010.



The Exchange Club presented the 2010 Firefighter of the Year Award to (pictured at left with Chief Hal Carlson) Lt. Jack Westphall, Paramedic Jeremy Allway, Paramedic Ray Torres and Paramedic Dave Heinke.



Also receiving the award, but not present, was Private Randy Durham (pictured at right).

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FIREFIGHTER MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDS CEREMONY



The 17th Annual Illinois Fallen Firefighter Memorial and Firefighter Medal of Honor Awards Ceremony was held in Springfield on May 13, 2010. Several Aurora Firefighters were on hand to receive awards as the result of their rescue of a fire victim on Gladstone Avenue on August 20, 2009.

The following individuals were awarded the *Firefighter Excellence Award*:

Lt. Toby Gill
Pvt. Clinton Thompson

The following department members received *Certificates of Recognition* for their actions during the rescue:

Battalion Chief Matt Perez
Captain Joe Franzen
Lt. Chuck Wonderling
Pvt. Dan Ahasic
Pvt. Randy Leek
Pvt. Dwayne Love

Pvt. Jason Morthland
Pvt. Abe Sprinkle
Pvt. Steve Szilage, Jr.
Pvt. Kris Tappendorf
Pvt. Ricardo Torres
Pvt. Jerry White

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Letter of Recognition for resuscitation of a 5-week old infant on January 22, 2010:

Kevin Becker
Jason Mosshamer

Letter of Recognition for resuscitation of a 4-year old child at a Westside athletic center on January 29, 2010:

Captain Tim Pogue	Steve Koeberl	Ricardo Torres
Scott Schuster	Luanne Whitmer	Javan Cross

Unit Citation awarded for water rescue in Fox River on April 23, 2010:

Lt. Steve Chivari
Alan Backhaus

Unit Citation awarded for Trench Rescue on Ivy Lane on April 16, 2010:

Asst Chief Tom Greiner	Lt. Jim Maynard	Pvt. Brian Youhanaie	Pvt. Dan Murphy
Asst Chief Mark Lockwood	Lt. Craig Mateski	Pvt. Rafael Alvarez	Pvt. Chris Oros
Batt Chief Mike McCue	Pvt. Ed Ward	Pvt. Kevin Becker	Pvt. Chris Temes
Batt Chief Don Jackson	Pvt. Aaron Calhoun	Pvt. Jason Mosshamer	

Letter of Recognition for actions at scene of cardiac arrest at Eastside barbershop on August 16, 2010:

Lt. Steve Kish	Pvt. Matt Anslow
Pvt. Mark Long	Pvt. Andy Smith
Pvt. Jeff Kerley	

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FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

Pastor Gerald Rygh, former Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, serves as Chaplain for the Aurora Fire Department. Pastor Rygh was born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa and moved to the Aurora area in 1970. He received a Bachelors degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, a Bachelor of Theology degree from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, and his Doctorate in 1983. Pastor Rygh is father to Battalion Chief Dave Rygh and father-in-law to Deputy Chief John Lehman.

Chaplain Rygh regularly rides along in both battalions and gives spiritual guidance necessary to our diversified department.



FIRE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD



50 Aurora Firefighters volunteer their time to serve on the Aurora Fire Department Honor Guard. In addition to standing guard at funeral services of department members and their families, the Honor Guard participated in the City of Aurora Memorial Day, July 4th, and Veteran's Day parades. They also posted colors at events such as the annual Firefighter of the Year Awards Ceremony. Two members of the AFD Honor Guard have been inducted into the AFFI (Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois) Honor Guard.

EXPLORER POST #99

The Aurora Fire Department Post #99 was formed in 2002 in conjunction with the Aurora Fire Department and the Boy Scouts of America. 25 young people between the ages of 15 and 20 were members of the Post at the close of 2010.

In June, members of the Post traveled to the Illinois Fire Service Institute in Champaign to participate in the Annual Explorer's Fire College which included drills ranging from live fire scenarios to search and rescue. During 2010, the Post implemented a six-week recruit academy for prospective members.

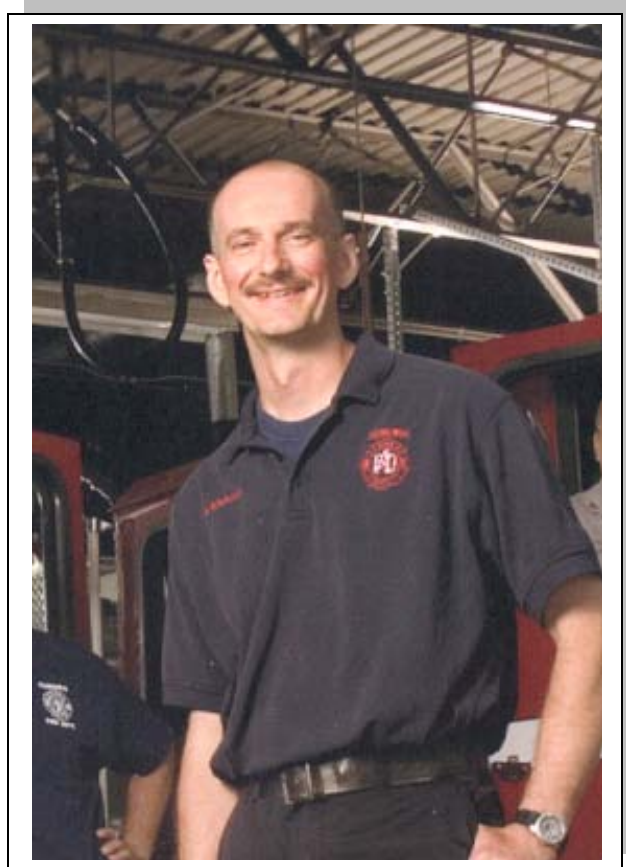


Members of Explorer Post #99 participated in several City events throughout the year and were instrumental in the fundraiser held in late August to benefit injured Aurora Firefighter Jason Matile. Four members of the Post were hired as full-time Aurora Firefighters during 2010, including Matt Acuff, Mike Hoffman, Dan Kellogg and Jeff Kerley.

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IN MEMORIAM



Lt. Randy Kramp, Badge #425
April 8, 1967 - June 19, 2010

The Aurora Fire Department lost a good friend when fellow Firefighter Lt. Randy Kramp passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2010 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Ruth. Randy joined the Aurora Fire Department on April 4, 1994. He will be missed by everyone who was fortunate enough to know him. We are a better department for having had Randy as a member of our department for 16 years.

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Central Fire Station

75 North Broadway
(630) 256-4000

SHIFT 1

SHIFT 2

SHIFT 3

Engine Company #1

Lieutenant John Schick
Paramedic Chris Temes
Pvt. Keith O'Donnell

Lieutenant Toby Gill
Pvt. Mark Classen
Pvt. Alan ackhaus

Captain Peter Doyle
Paramedic Bob Kulovitz
Pvt. Carlos Coronado

Medic #1

Paramedic Jeff Smitley
Paramedic Dave Heinke

Paramedic Clint Rafac
Paramedic Joe Bledsoe

Sr. Paramedic Kevin Noble
Paramedic Bob Chance

Truck Company #2

Captain Don Jackley
Pvt. Brian Radde
Pvt. Aaron Stawikowski

Lt. Will Torres
Pvt. Roman Azua
Pvt. Randy Leek

Lt. Glen Hasenheyer
Pvt. Steve Wedll
Pvt. Chris Prieboy

Roving Personnel

Captain Jim Maynard
Lt. Bob Warren
Lt. Brandon Matson
Paramedic Jerry Knizek
Pvt. Clint Thompson
Paramedic Matt Acuff
Paramedic Dan Kellogg
Pvt. Kevin Hoffman
Pvt. Dave Dacanay

Captain Steve Chivari
Lt. Dave Trammell
Lt. Kris Tappendorf
Pvt. Jason Matile
Pvt. Greg Keigher
Pvt. Shane Cummins
Pvt. Del Krieghbaum
Pvt. Beau McKay
Paramedic Kevin Leverage
Paramedic Mike Donato
Pvt. Garrett Oros
Paramedic Mike Adamovich

Captain Eric Mueller
Lt. Chris Oros
Pvt. Thom Shore
Pvt. Rob Sittler
Pvt. Mike Chomiak III
Paramedic Andy Smith
Pvt. Dick Dahleen
Pvt. Josh Murray
Pvt. Dan Polizzi
Pvt. Jeff Kerley

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Station 3

600 New Indian Trail
 (630) 256-4030
 Battalion 2 Headquarters



SHIFT 1

SHIFT 2

SHIFT 3

Engine Company #3

Lt. Steve Oros, Jr.
 Pvt. Anelo Minneci
 Paramedic Dan Bateman

Lt. Tom Wagner, Jr.
 Paramedic Phil Bergeron
 Pvt. Felix Coronado

Captain Greg Frieders
 Pvt. Bob Campbell
 Paramedic Jason Equi

Medic #3

Sr. Paramedic John Paul
 Paramedic Jerry White

Paramedic Dwayne Love
 Paramedic Shawn Clements

Paramedic Brett Svendsen
 Paramedic Nathan Costner

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Station 4

800 Michels Avenue
(630) 256-4040



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Station 5

730 Hill Avenue
 (630) 256-4050
 Battalion 1 Headquarters

	SHIFT 1	SHIFT 2	SHIFT 3
Engine Company #5	Lt. Gary Krienitz Pvt. Jason Larson Paramedic Dan Murphy	Captain John Gilbert Pvt. Steve Whitmer Paramedic John Ross	Lt. Steve Kish Pvt. Mark Long Paramedic Matt Anslow
Medic #5	Paramedic Paul Smith Paramedic Nick Handell	Sr. Paramedic Larry Nelson Paramedic Rob Strange	Paramedic John Eul Paramedic Corey Fryer

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Station 7

824 Kenilworth Avenue
(630) 256-4070



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Station 8

3770 McCoy Drive
(630) 256-4080

	SHIFT 1	SHIFT 2	SHIFT 3
Engine Company #8	Captain Greg Mewmaw Pvt. Randy Rieckert Paramedic Chuck Niemeier	Lt. John Barrett Paramedic John Nagy Pvt. Jeff Herrick	Lt. Jim Rufer Paramedic Tony Nelson Pvt. Dave Hurd
Medic #8	Sr. Paramedic Aaron Garcia Paramedic Todd McChurch	Paramedic Mike Hess Paramedic Mike Hoffman	Paramedic Robin Krantz Paramedic Dave Christenson
Truck Company #6	Lt. Craig Mateski Pvt. Rafael Alvarez Pvt. Marcos Coronado	Lt. Chuck Wonderling Pvt. Ed Clark Pvt. Eric Calkins	Lt. Ron Thomalla Pvt. Harvey Redmon Pvt. Darrin Richardson

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Station 9
 2339 Diehl Road
 (630) 256-4090



Engine Company #9

SHIFT 1

Lt. Dan Konen
 Sr. Paramedic Steve Matthias
 Pvt. Bob Dunn

SHIFT 2

Captain Andy Silagyi
 Pvt. Steve Szilage
 Paramedic Kevin Nickel

SHIFT 3

Lt. Jason Demas
 Pvt. John Hopkins
 Paramedic Dan Kveton

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Station 10
 2390 West Illinois Avenue
 (630) 256-4110

	SHIFT 1	SHIFT 2	SHIFT 3
Engine Company #10	Lt. Chuck Przybylski Pvt. Brian Youhanaie Pvt. Abe Sprinkle	Captain Kevin Kubisak Paramedic Ricardo Torres Pvt. Scott Schuster	Lt. Jim Rhodes Pvt. Matt Lichtenberger Paramedic Dan Ahasic
Medic #10	Paramedic Kevin Becker Paramedic Jason Mosshamer	Sr. Paramedic James Lobbins Paramedic John Bonior	Paramedic Chris Kjellesvik Paramedic Ahawn Toso
Truck Company #11	Lt. Javan Cross Pvt. Aaron Calhoun Pvt. Mike Kaufman	Lt. Scott Keierleber Pvt. Steve Szilage, Jr. Pvt. Steve Koeberl	Lt. Steve Buono Pvt. Cary Lieser Pvt. Mike Eley

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Station 12

2424 Haffenrichter Road
(630) 256-4120

